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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO THE MEXICAN
EMBASSY'S NOTE OF JULY 16:

1. QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS
TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF MEXICO AND HAS THE HONOR
TO REFER TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S NOTE NUMBER 1848 OF JULY 16,
1973, CONCERNING THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 14, 1973,
ISSUE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES RELATING TO PLANS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO INSTALL ELECTRONIC SENSING DEVICES ALONG ITS
BORDER WITH MEXICO. HIS EXCELLENCY'S NOTE REQUESTS A CLARI-
FICATION OF THIS ARTICLE IN VIEW OF THE CONVERSATION HELD
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JULY 13, 1973, BETWEEN LICENCIADO EMILIO O. RABASA, SECRE-

TARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF MEXICO, AND THE THEN ACTING
SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. KENNETH RUSH.

2. THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY RABASA AND THE THEN
ACTING SECRETARY RUSH WAS THE RESULT OF AN ARTICLE APPEAR-
ING IN THE JULY 13, 1973, ISSUE OF THE MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER,
EXCELSIOR, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO
CONSTRUCT A FENCE ALONG ITS BORDER WITH MEXICO. THE ACTING

SECRETARY AT THAT TIME INFORMED SECRETARY RABASA THAT THE
UNITED STATES HAD NO INTENTIONS OF BUILDING SUCH A FENCE.
THE MILLIONS OF PERSONS WHO LEGALLY CROSS THE COMMON BOR-
DER EACH YEAR WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY AND INCONVENIENCE IS
AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD. HIS EXCELLENCY IS ASSURED THAT
IT IS THE PROFOUND DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES THAT THE TRADITIONAL LEGAL INTERCHANGE OF PERSONS
AND GOODS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BE CONTINUED AND EX-
PANDED.

3. THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF JULY 14, 1973, REFERRED
TO THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND ITS USE OF
ELECTRONIC SENSORS ALONG CERTAIN ZONES OF THE UNITED STATES
FRONTIER WITH MEXICO. HIS EXCELLENCY MAY RECALL THAT AS
LONG AGO AS JULY 19, 1970, THE MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER,
NOVEDADES, CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE USE OF THESE DEVICES
BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE BORDER AREA. THE UNITED STATES
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE HAS IN FACT BEEN
SUCCESSFULLY EXPERIMENTING WITH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SENS-
ING DEVICES FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN THE MOST WESTERN
AREA OF THE BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.
THE DEPLOYMENT OF THESE ELECTRONIC DETECTORS WILL NOW BE
EXTENDED TO ADDITIONAL SELECTED AREAS ALONG THE BORDER.

4. THE SENSING EQUIPMENT USED BY THE IMMIGRATION AND NATU-
RALIZATION SERVICE IS HARMLESS IN EVERY RESPECT AND REPRE-
SENTS NOTHING MORE THAN A TOOL TO ASSIST, IN A HUMANE
MANNER, THE LIMITED NUMBER OF BORDER PATROL OFFICERS IN
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE DETECTION AND
CONTROL OF ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THIS COUNTRY OF PERSONS AND
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CONTRABAND.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON, JULY 25, 1973 END QUOTE. ROGERS

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